



# Smart Snack Waiver



The Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 directed the USDA to establish nutrition standards for all foods and beverages sold to students in school during the school day, including foods sold through school fundraisers. (Foods sold at afterschool sporting events or other activities will not be subject to these requirements.) The new *Smart Snacks in School* nutrition standards will help make the healthy choice the easy choice by offering the students more of the foods and beverages that research has shown are essential for health, such as whole grains, fruits and vegetables, leaner protein, lower-fat dairy – while limiting foods with high sugar, fat and salt content.

Foods served on the school campus during the school day that meet the nutritional standards do not require a waiver. These requirements are not applicable to items sold during non-school hours, weekends, off campus fundraising events, or foods intended to be consumed outside of school (cookie dough, raw pizza kits, etc). For additional information and guidelines on the specific nutrition standards for competitive foods, please see: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/governance/legislation/allfoods.htm>

USDA has given each state the flexibility to set a certain number of fundraisers allowing the sale of foods or beverages that do not meet the nutrition standards. If foods and beverages do not follow the new *Smart Snacks in School* standards, the rules for waivers must be followed.

The Alaska Department of Education & Early Development has set a maximum number of fundraising days per year, per school site which will allow school districts the flexibility to determine the number of fundraising events and duration to serve food items exempt from meeting the nutrition standards for competitive foods. The maximum number of exempt fundraising for elementary and middle schools is 10 days and for high schools it is 25 days.

To be eligible for a waiver, school districts must adhere to the following criteria:

1. Must apply for the waiver annually on a form provided by Child Nutrition Programs
2. The waiver cannot be applied to vending machine sales.
3. Foods and beverages under the waiver may not be sold for service during meal services times, or 30 minutes before or after meal service in the meal service area.
4. Must be in compliance with the USDA local school wellness policy requirements, submit a board approved policy, and implementation assessment.
  - a) If your board approved policy specifically states that food items not in compliance with Smart Snack regulations will never be sold on campus (including fundraising), the school board president or designee must approve and sign this waiver.
5. Must assign a responsible party to track exempted fundraising events under this waiver and maintain documentation at the district or site level for state agency monitoring.



## Smart Snack Waiver Request School Year 2015-2016



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District Name

Contact Name & Title

Mailing Address

Email Address

Phone Number

Yes No

- 1.) School District has approved Local School Wellness Policy meeting USDA requirements

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<http://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/local-school-wellness-policy>

*If no, please attach updated wellness policy for review and approval*

- 2.) School District is assessing the implementation of the Local School Wellness Policy

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- 3.) Smart Snack Recording keeping will be maintained at the district or school site level

☐ District

☐ School Site

Name of Person(s) tracking fundraising (attach additional documentation as needed):

Sponsor Representative (Print full name)

Signature

Date

Work E-Mail Address

Work Phone Number

Ext.

School Board President Signature, if required under 4(a)

Date

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Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_